

REMARKS

Memorandum of Interviews

On February 9, 2010, the undersigned authorized by telephone the amendments to the claims reflected in the Notice of Allowance.

On May 18, 2010, the undersigned and Examiner Tran conducted a further telephonic interview.

During the interview, the undersigned pointed Examiner Tran to arguments made in previous submissions regarding the Konovalova reference (IDS of 7/17/06), whose consideration had not been previously acknowledged by the Office. The undersigned pointed out that since applicant's submission for this reference complied with MPEP §609.04(a), paragraph III, the reference should have been indicated as considered by the Office as represented by the previous Examiner on record.

After reviewing the respective section of the MPEP and the submissions for the references cited in the IDS of July 17, 2006, Examiner Tran kindly agreed the issued an appropriately initialed form 1449.